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# Prosecution Details Spy Suspect's Spending

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 — Jerry A. Whitworth, on trial here on charges of espionage and tax fraud, lived extravagantly and spent thousands of dollars on gold coins, works of art, jewelry, lingerie and other items, according to records of banks and merchants introduced as evidence here.

Mr. Whitworth, who retired from the Navy in 1983 with the rank of chief petty officer, is accused of stealing sensitive Navy cryptographic data and selling it to a Soviet spy ring over a 10-year period in exchange for \$332,000. For the past two weeks prosecutors have presented nearly four dozen witnesses from coin dealers to commodities traders to appliance salesmen to testify about his purchases and investments.

What has emerged is a portrait of a couple who spent large amounts of cash on paintings, luxurious silk lingerie or dinners for friends at fine restaurants.

## Furniture and Motorcycles

Witnesses have detailed the financial transactions of Mr. Whitworth and his wife, Brenda L. Reis, beginning with thousand of dollars in purchases of household furnishings and two motorcycles in 1976, the year they were married.

At the time he retired from the Navy, Mr. Whitworth was earning about \$24,000 a year plus allotments. Miss Reis has been working toward a doctorate in nutrition since 1980. Defense attorneys have not yet presented any evidence of other sources of income for them.

Mr. Whitworth has been charged with eight counts of espionage and five counts of tax fraud. He has pleaded not guilty. The couple filed joint tax returns, but Miss Reis has not been charged.

Celia Vanderpool of San Clemente, who said she met the couple when she was dating one of Mr. Whitworth's

friends, testified that they lent her \$4,600 in 1981. When Mr. Whitworth visited, she said, he brought and expensive brandies and sherries.

"Jerry tended to prefer a decadent lifestyle," Miss Vanderpool said. She said that Mr. Whitworth told her in 1981 and 1982 that he had made money in the stock market. Previous witnesses testified that Mr. Whitworth and his wife reported on their income tax returns that they had lost \$18,000 in the stock market in those two years.

## Whitworth Was 'Agitated'

Miss Vanderpool said that Mr. Whitworth called her the day after John A. Walker Jr. was arrested in May 1985. Mr. Walker has pleaded guilty to espionage and testified last month that Mr. Whitworth passed stolen Navy data to

him and received cash payments from him.

Mr. Whitworth was "agitated" and "very upset," Miss Vanderpool said, and told her that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had questioned him and searched his home and might come to her home next because she might "have things." When she replied that she did not know what he was talking about, she said, Mr. Whitworth told her to "Think, Celia, think." He said he would call her back, she added, but he never did and then he was arrested.

Prosecutors have presented a number of witnesses to testify on the couple's finances.

For example, a representative of the Bank of America testified that the couple purchased \$7,000 in cashiers checks in April, 1977 and deposited them in a

stock trading account opened at Merrill Lynch and Company. The indictment charges that Mr. Whitworth received \$12,000 in the first week of April as payment from Mr. Walker.

Prosecutors have detailed \$36,000 in purchases they say the couple made in 1980, when the Government says Mr. Whitworth received a payment of \$100,000. The purchases include camera and computer equipment, a video recorder and a van, as well as a \$7,000 deposit in a Merrill Lynch account.

Prosecutors expect to present the rest of their evidence on Mr. Whitworth's financial dealings Monday.